

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") Bureau of Air will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 14, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the Regional Conference Room at the Illinois Department of Transportation Regional Office, 1102 Eastport Plaza Drive in Collinsville IL. The public hearing will be held for the purpose of gathering public comments on the draft "Maintenance Plan for the Illinois Portion of the Metro-East St. Louis Ozone Nonattainment Area for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard" ("Maintenance Plan") and the "Illinois EPA Certification of Emissions Statement Requirement for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard" ("Certification of Emissions Statement").

The Maintenance Plan requests that the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("USEPA") redesignate the Metro-East Nonattainment Area to attainment of the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard ("NAAQS") and sets forth additional information supporting redesignation. The Maintenance Plan also sets forth the State's plan for continued attainment of the 2008 ozone standard for the area for a period of at least ten years after USEPA formally redesignates the area. The Illinois EPA intends to submit the Maintenance Plan to USEPA as a revision to Illinois' State Implementation Plan ("SIP") under the Clean Air Act ("CAA"), 42 USC 7401 et seq.

The Certification of Emissions Statement verifies that the Illinois EPA's current emission statement program, also known as the Annual Emissions Report, which was approved by USEPA into the Illinois SIP on May 15, 2002, remains in place for all Illinois areas designated nonattainment for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS. It also certifies that the existing emissions statement program meets the requirements of Section 182(a)(3)(B) of the CAA for the Chicago and Metro-East nonattainment areas. The Illinois EPA intends to submit the Certification of Emissions Statement to USEPA as a revision to Illinois' SIP under the CAA.

The hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Informational and Quasi-Legislative Public Hearings," set forth at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 164. Any questions about the hearing procedures, requests for copies of the hearing rules, or other requests should be directed to Dean Studer, the Illinois EPA's Hearing Officer, at the address and telephone number listed below.

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217/558-8280 or TDD: 217/782-9143

The Hearing Record will close on Friday, October 14, 2016. Written comments will be accepted but must be directed to Dean Studer at the address above, and must be physically received by October 14, 2016.

Copies of the proposed SIP revisions may be viewed by the public during regular business hours (Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for State holidays) at the following Illinois EPA offices: 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield IL; 2009 Mall Street, Collinsville IL; and 9511 Harrison Street, Des Plaines IL. No walk-in requests for copies of this material will be accommodated, unless advance notice is provided. Requests and public inquiries should be directed to Dean Studer at the address and phone number listed above.

This notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 110(a) and (l) of the CAA regarding public notice for SIP submittals, 42 USC 7410(a) and (l).